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 DAMPENING CYLINDER FOR)
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend claims 22, 30 and 38, as follows:

In The Claims:

22. (Twice Amended) A dampening cylinder, comprising:
 a cylindrical housing having first and second ends and an inner surface defining a cavity in the housing for receiving a fluid therein;
 a piston slidably extending through the cavity in the housing;
 a flange projecting from the piston and positioned within the cavity so as to divide the cavity in the housing into first and second portions, the flange terminating at a radially outer edge which forms a slidably interface with the inner surface of the housing; and